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Two arrested for assault

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at approximately 8:50 a.m., Riverside police officers were dispatched to the 5600-block of Chadbourne Avenue regarding a fight involving approximately three men. The caller said one of the men involved was in possession of a firearm and lives in the nearby area.

Upon arrival, officers discovered one man suffering from facial bleeding and serious cuts to his head. Officers obtained information from him that identified two suspects as co-workers of his who live nearby in the 5600-block of Peggy Lane. The victim said one suspect, who was armed with brass knuckles, was upset with him stemming from a dispute over money he felt is owed to him by the victim. During a confrontation that suspect assaulted the victim with the brass knuckles while the older suspect, armed with a firearm, also assaulted him.

Officers quickly responded to an address in the 5600-block of Peggy Lane, surrounded the house, and began ordering the occupants out via a public announcement system. After a period of over an hour, both suspects eventually exited the house, and were taken into custody.

Officers entered the yard to confirm no potential additional suspects were at the location when a pit-bull dog confronted them. The pit-bull advanced on them in an aggressive manner and officers responded by first firing rubber bullets at the dog. When the dog again turned and threatened them, the dog was shot and killed. Riverside County Humane Society responded and took the remains of the dog.

The victim was treated at and later released from Parkview Hospital for facial and head injuries. The suspects have been identified as Jessie Gonzales, age 19 and his father, Jesus Gonzales, age 43. Both suspects reside in Riverside and both were booked into Riverside County Jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon and possession of an illegal weapon.

